with those imposed on lands under the old nalas and are also far in excess of the rates prescribed in the Revenue Rules. A reduction in the rates is prayed for.

Reply of Government.—(1) This question was moved in the Assembly of 1899 and the feasibility of the same was considered. All water coming in the Hanumanthapur and Uddur nalas whether used by the people in the upper reaches or not, drains into the Hebbala and thus feeds Karigala and Holehundi tanks. If a branch channel were constructed as prayed for, it will be prejudicial to the interests of the raiyats holding lands under the anikat (Nallur). This will however be enquired into.

(2) This will interfere with the rights of the raiyats under Uddur nala.

(3) This will be referred to the Revenue Commissioner for investigation and report.

Subject No. 404.

Arrangements for the efficient up-keep of Chikkadevamma temple.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa.

Summary of Representation.—Chikkadevamma temple is a famous one and is built on a hill. There are no villages all round for 6 or 7 miles. Devotees come not only from neighbouring villages but also from His Majesty's territory. The chavadi on the hill has been allowed to fal into disrepair owing to the neglect of temple servants. It may be restored.

There is a pond built of stone on the hill and the water stored therein lasts for 4 or 5 months in the year. In other months water has to be brought either from the Kapila or Bhrugu rivers at a distance of about 6 miles. The pond may be extended so as to hold water sufficient to last for the whole year.

The temple has a large income and no account is kept of it. Dharmadarsis may be appointed to check the income and expenditure of the temple.

The padithara of the temple which is $\frac{1}{8}$th seer of oil and 1 seer of rice every day may be raised to $\frac{1}{4}$th seer of oil and 3 seers of rice. There is a thammadi and a watchman for the temple. There are sufficient funds at the credit of the temple to meet the repairs of the pond and of the temple. Beg that they may be utilized for the above purpose.

Reply of Government.—Necessary information will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 405.

Vijayapur tank.

Mr. Vishakantappa.

Summary of Representation.—The achkat of this tank is 394 acres and 26 guntas with a revenue of Rs. 1,518. The tank can only irrigate 300 acres, dry crops being raised on the remaining extent of land. Representations have been made to Government from 1896, but without result. The raiyats are being impoverished by paying wet assessment. It is therefore prayed that the waste weir be raised and stone

work executed to the tank. Till this is done, wet rate may not be levied.

Reply of Government.—This tank was improved in 1891, at a cost of Rs. 17,533 to store sufficient water for all the lands under it and the kodi was then raised by 2 feet. The complaint made on former occasions was considered to be due to the raiyats in the upper portion tampering with the sluices and wasting water. To make provision against bad years of rainfall, it was considered desirable to further raise the weir. Before doing so permanently with masonry, it is necessary to ascertain if the bund could stand an extra depth of water. The raiyats were therefore advised to raise the weir temporarily by one foot with turf and the Public Works Department asked to watch the behaviour of the bund. This the raiyats have not yet done, and no action can therefore be taken on the present representation.

Subject No. 406.
Kuthnur tank.
Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of Representation.—The sanction accorded for the repairs of this tank was withdrawn as the raiyats failed to pay contribution. Sanction is solicited as raiyats are prepared to pay contribution now.

Reply of Government.—Apply to Deputy Commissioner promising contribution.

Subject No. 407.
The Nallurkere.
Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of Representation.—The Gundlu river which feeds this tank has an unfailing supply of water. As the tank is badly in need of repairs it is respectfully prayed that the Nallurkere may be restored to its original condition.

Reply of Government.—The work will be investigated in the Public Works Department. It is stated that there is a big breach and water will interfere with Narasambudhi tank.

Subject No. 408.
Bridge across the Gundlu river.
Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Summary of Representation.—Crossing the Gundlu river, the road leads to Bachihalli, Sivapura, Bomlapura and other villages which are all called "Thenkasime." There is heavy traffic on this road, so many as 3 to 4 hundred loaded carts plying between these villages every week. During the rainy season much inconvenience is felt in crossing the Gundlu river. A bridge across the river will be a great boon to the public.

Reply of Government.—For District Board's consideration.